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Application No.: 10/758,192	)	Group Art Unit: 2853
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For: ELECTRIC CHARGING	)	
APPARATUS, ELECTRONIC	)	
APPARATUS AND ELECTRIC	)	
CHARGING CONTROL METHOD :	)	December 6, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of documents (4) to (6) are enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,424,124
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,522,361
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,624,610
- (4) CN 1075680
- (5) CN 1302148
- (6) CN 1342123

Documents (4) and (6) were cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, which is dated September 9, 2005, is enclosed.

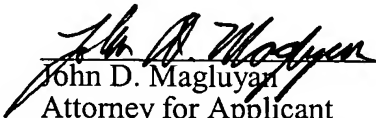
Document (5) was cited during prosecution of a different Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the other Chinese Office Action, which is also dated September 9, 2005, is enclosed.

An English-language abstract accompanies documents (4), and English-language abstracts of counterpart applications accompany documents (5) and (6). Additionally, it is noted that document (1) is an English-language counterpart for document (5), document (2) is an English-language counterpart for document (4) and document (3) is an English-language counterpart for document (6). The concise explanation of relevance for each of non-English language documents (4) to (6) is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English-language abstracts and English-language counterparts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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